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Marginal Column

By NORA BELOFF

THE Paris conference of the Foreign Ministers' Deputies has reached its climax. The Western trio, Britain, France and America, after conducting a policy of what they call "infinite patience" for the last seven weeks, decided to force proceedings to a close. It looks as though their final bid has been accepted. Their object, as I understand it, was to force the Russians into a corner and compel them to reveal whether or not they really want a Big Power conference of Foreign Ministers, or whether they are using the Palais Rose as an additional platform for the world-wide, and, in the Western view, world-phoney, Communist peace campaign. If they want the conference, they have now been told the limits to which the West will go in reaching a mutually acceptable agenda. Most of the very considerable concessions have already been made in public, but at a private lunch at the British Embassy Mr. Gromyko was given an inside view on just how much further the West might move.

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THE basic question on which the Russian Government was in the end compelled to give a straight "yes" or "no" answer was: Will they or will they not abandon their efforts to turn the projected Foreign Ministers Council into a disarmament conference? Publicly and privately, day after day, for the last nine weeks, the Western Three have been telling Mr. Gromyko that on this point there will be no concessions. The West is following a deliberate and very costly rearmament policy which it believes necessary to deter or to resist aggression from the East. It would be absurd for them to proceed with such a policy and simultaneously subscribe to the principle of disarmament as a means of assuring peace. The contradiction is so flagrant and has been explained on and off the record so many times to Mr. Gromyko in the council chamber and around the dining table, in every conceivable metaphor and simile, with every degree of persuasion, entreaty and indignation, that further confusion is now impossible. Perhaps the one positive achievement of these past weeks, seen in historic perspective, will have been the occasion taken to clarify Western intentions. The Russians now know that the Western policy of rearmament is not a subject for bargaining, and that the policy of what Mr. Acheson calls "peace through strength" will be pursued until international tension relaxes and there is some balance between the forces of East and West.

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HAD the Russians decided they cannot in the present international situation gain anything by diplomatic negotiations and therefore refused to give a straight answer to the Western question it might have been difficult to dislodge them from the Paris platform. It is known that in the last resort the West had decided to practise the walking-out process which Mr. Gromyko himself popularized at the United Nations. Their exemplary patience has found its reward, and though the outlook for the conference is not bright, there is a ray of hope in the very fact that 4-Power negotiation has been able to bring about a 4-Power Conference.

Paris, May 13.

B.G. Spends Quiet Day After $35m. Bond Rally in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—Prime Minister Ben Gurion went to synagogue this morning, and spent a quiet day after his strenuous participation in the Independence Day celebrations here on Wednesday and the opening of the Independence Loan Drive in Madison Square Garden on Thursday evening. On his way to Philadelphia tomorrow he is scheduled to stop at Princeton to converse with Prof. Albert Einstein. He will arrive at the "City of Brotherly Love" at six in the afternoon.

Mr. Ben Gurion was presented with advance pledges for the purchase of $35m. in Independence Bonds at Thursday evening's Madison Square rally. New York led with pledges of $11.8m. During the course of the evening an additional $1m. were pledged by Mr. Jacob Sincoff and friends and $500,000 by the Levitt Foundation.

Over 20,000 people packed the hall, with thousands crowding the streets outside, as Mr. Ben Gurion declared that the political and military independence of Israel will not be secured unless the State is placed on a firm economic basis. He called the bond drive the "absolute obligation of American Jewry" and said it would create economic assets and instruments of production which would earn dollars and save dollars, and enable Israel to fulfil its supreme obligation of absorbing 600,000 immigrants during the coming three years. He also paid tribute to American support of Israel stating that "we were born out of Jewish need in order to meet Jewish need," he said the goal of 600,000 was "no empty phrase. We have already reduced our material standard of living to minimum proportions and we will keep them at a minimum level for a long time to come."

Payment Assured

Mr. Ben Gurion was followed by Mr. E. Kaplan, the Finance Minister, who assured the bond-buyers that Israel would be able to repay both interest and capital on the loan by exploiting its economic potential to an extent that only the success of the bond drive will allow.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, who acted as chairman, stressed the need for fighting Communism, and told Mr. Ben Gurion that "we in America look to you to show us what spiritual and moral leadership really are."

Mr. Aba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the U.S., who received an ovation at the conclusion of his talk, said that "Israel's battle was not over and its victory not fully won." He said that Arab opposition was based mainly on the hope for Israel's economic collapse, pointing out that the assurance of the young State's economic security which only the success of the bond drive could provide would eliminate the last barrier to peace. He paid tribute to Mr. Ben Gurion's foresight in the creation of the State and immigration.

The dramatic highlight of the evening came when a colour guard of the U.S. Navy saluted a colour guard of the Israel Navy and the audience stood and cheered. A three-minute ovation preceded the opening of Mr. Ben Gurion's speech, and the audience frequently interrupted him with applause. A second dramatic moment came when a procession of the flags of the 48 States marched across the platform and the state-by-state pledges were called off. Mr. R. Sonneborn presented Mr. Ben Gurion with a beautifully bound book containing the names of all the original purchasers of Israel bonds.

The closed streets surrounding the Garden were spotlighted throughout the rally, and youths danced horas in the street. The building was picketed by religious youths with banners protesting against Ben Gurion's and Mapai's policy on religious education. A minor incident arose when one of the youths in the balcony showered hundreds of leaflets denouncing "religious discrimination" at the end of the meeting.

Conferred with Browdy

Mr. Ben Gurion spent several hours yesterday browsing in Brentano's, one of New York's fashionable midtown bookshops. He bought 22 books, including a volume of Chinese philosophy, Whitehead's "Essays in Science and Philosophy," Churchill's "Hinge Of Fate," "Lincoln's War Cabinet" by Hendrick, and "China Shakes the World" by Jack Belden, several classical studies, and plays by G.B.S. Before leaving the shop, the Prime Minister was presented by the head of the firm with a rare 1553 edition of excerpts from the Bible in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

Earlier in the afternoon, Mr. Ben Gurion told U.N. representatives at a luncheon that "Israel's concern for world peace is sharpened by our situation today."

Yesterday morning, Mr. Ben Gurion received Mr. Benjamin Browdy, President of the Z.O.A., and discussed the work of the Z.O.A. with him.

(UP, INA)

Deputies Still Locked On Disarmament

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The questions of the inclusion of the issues of German disarmament, the Atlantic Pact and American bases in Europe on the agenda for the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference held up yesterday's meeting of the Deputy Foreign Ministers here.

Another Western spokesman said "The deadlock has been broken but points of difficulty still remain to be settled." The American Deputy, Dr. P. Jessup, said M. Gromyko had replied "in a weak and inconclusive manner" to the question whether the Soviet Union was ready to participate in a Foreign Ministers' Conference or not.

Although Mr. Gromyko on Thursday night had accepted a split agenda which would have left the discussion of disarmament to the Foreign Ministers themselves, it was reported that at yesterday's sessions he had again disagreed to the placing of the disarmament question on the "disagreed" part of the agenda.

The French Deputy, M. Alexandre Parodi, said "The Soviet move represents one step forward but it also consists of two steps back."

Crash Victim Dies

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Airforce pilot who crashed into the Mediterranean while doing aerobatics before an Independence Day crowd here on Thursday died in the Municipal Hospital early yesterday morning. He had suffered a brain concussion and a compound fracture of the left leg.

The three civilians who had rescued him from his sinking aircraft came to the hospital a few hours after his death.

Israel Ready for Cease-Fire

Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Acting Minister of Defence, assured Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, the Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, on Friday, that Israel will cooperate fully in implementing the terms of the Security Council's cease fire resolution adopted on May 8. It is "naturally assumed," Mr. Sharett said, "that the Syrian Government will similarly cooperate."

Mr. Sharett was replying to a letter dated May 9 and received by him on Friday morning from the Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, which transmitted the text of the Security Council resolution. "I am confident that I shall have your fullest cooperation in implementing the terms of this resolution," Col. de Ridder said.

The text of letter sent by Colonel de Ridder to Mr. Sharett is as follows:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 8, 1951, giving your views on my proposals of May 7, 1951, suggesting steps to be taken to preserve the peace between Israel and Syria.

My proposals were made in view of the very grave violation of the Syrian-Israel General Armistice Agreement that have occurred in the past few weeks.

Text of Resolution

I have now received the text of the following resolution, adopted by the Security Council on May 8, 1951:

The Security Council,

1. Recalling its resolutions of July 15, 1948, August 11, 1949, November 17, 1950;

2. Noting with concern that fighting has broken out in and around the demilitarized zone established by the Syrian-Israel General Armistice Agreement of July 20, 1949, and that fighting is continuing despite the cease fire order of the Acting Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization issued on May 4, 1951;

3. Calls upon the parties or persons in the areas concerned to cease fighting, and brings to the attention of the parties their obligations under Article 2, Paragraph 4 of the Charter of the U.N. and the Security Council resolutions of July 15, 1948 and their commitments under the General Armistice Agreement, and accordingly calls upon them to comply with these obligations and commitments.

I am confident that I shall have your fullest cooperation in implementing the terms of this resolution.

Mr. Sharett sent the following reply to Col. de Ridder:

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of May 9, 1951 in which you transmit a copy of the resolution adopted by the Security Council on the previous day.

Be assured that you will have the Government of Israel's fullest cooperation in implementing the terms of this resolution it being naturally assumed that the Syrian Government will similarly cooperate.

State Needs Unity Urgently—Sharett

JAFFA, Saturday.—The State needs unity how more than at any other time in the past; the unity of Jews who were here before the establishment of the State, and those who came later, Mr. Moshe Sharett, Foreign Minister and Acting Prime Minister, told a Mapai meeting at the Yafor cinema here this morning. More than 2,000 persons crowded into the hall, and another 2,000 heard his two-hour speech relayed outside by loudspeaker.

Many of those who had come to hear him were new immigrants, and Mr. Sharett said that he was glad to see them in the hall irrespective of what political party they belonged to "for we are all one people." The State was worthless without the ingathering of the exiles, and there would have been no ingathering without the State, he said.

Although we are now dependent on help from abroad, Mr. Sharett said, we have much to do ourselves. Not only houses, roads and forests, built through this assistance, are needed, but also foreign currency which we can obtain only through our own production. He said that April had been a record month for immigration.

"I am sure that the day will come when we shall see immigration from the Soviet Union," Mr. Sharett added

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Iraqi Jewish Property Sold at Auction

The Iraq Custodian of Jewish Property began the sale of the first part of this property at a public auction in Baghdad on Friday morning, A.N.A. reports.

EXPLOSION KILLS SIX IN DAMASCUS

DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuter) — Six people were killed and a number injured when a garage blew up in the centre of the city today.

Debris is still being cleared and it is feared that more casualties are buried in the ruins. The accident was reported to be due to an oxygen cylinder exploding, but ANA referred to it as "mysterious."

Israel, Syria Accord Waits on De Ridder

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Syrian delegates to informal and formal meetings of the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission were on the point of signing an agreement late last night to restore order in the demilitarized zone when they decided to await the outcome of talks due to be held today between Colonel Bennett L. de Ridder, Acting U.N. chief of staff, and the Syrian minister of Defence, Fawzi Selo, it was officially announced tonight. The meeting was started and adjourned three times in the course of the day, while the Syrians communicated with Damascus for further instructions. No date has been fixed for the next M.A.C. meeting.

The draft agreement prepared during the informal talks, attended by Colonel Samuel Taxis, the new M.A.C. chairman, would have bound both sides to accept the Security Council's cease-fire order of May 8; to keep the demilitarized zone free of military and para-military forces and to prohibit aggressive actions across or against the demilitarized zone.

Charges Aired

It is reported from Tiberias that the 11.30 a.m. meeting was under the temporary chairmanship of Colonel Delceris who is Chairman of the Israel-Lebanese M.A.C. A U.N. team, comprising Colonel S. Taxis and five other officers, who were transferred from Jerusalem to reinforce U.N. troop supervision personnel already on the spot, participated as unofficial observers.

The meeting opened with an exchange of mutual charges of truce violations. The Syrians also argued that no conclusive evidence had been produced for the participation of their regular forces in the fighting.

The meeting, attended by Sgan-Aloof Shaul Ramati, Rav Seren Ze'ev Shoham and Seren Friedlander, was adjourned at 4.30, when Colonel el Kudsi went to Damascus for instructions, it was officially reported.

The official meeting that took place at 8.30 p.m. at the Bnot Yaacov Bridge was under the chairmanship of Colonel Taxis. It was adjourned again at 11.15 p.m. while the Syrian delegate phoned Damascus. It was resumed at 12.45 a.m. and adjourned again at 1 a.m.

No Complaint From Jordan Received

No oral or written complaint from Jordan in connection with the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem was delivered to Israel, sources in the capital said last night. It is understood, however, that the Jordan delegate to the Israel-Jordan M.A.C. tried to get in direct telephone communication with Sgan-Aloof Shaul Ramati, chief Israeli delegate to the M.A.C.'s, when the parade started on Thursday.

However, "Falastin" reported yesterday that an official protest against the "incursion" by Israel planes into Jordan territory and against the illumination of the Mt. Scopus compound by Israel projectors was submitted to Col. S. Taxis, Chairman of the Israel-Jordan M.A.C.

Col. Taxis has been transferred from the Israel-Jordan M.A.C. to the chairmanship of the Israel-Syrian M.A.C., replacing Col. G. Bossavy. The temporary chairman of the Israel-Jordan M.A.C., which will met informally on Wednesday, will be Major Loriaux of Belgium.

Private Bakers In Villages to Strike

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Private bakers in villages throughout the country will strike tomorrow morning in support of their demands for bread prices equal to those in force in the main towns. Cooperative bakeries are not joining the work stoppage. The bakers have threatened to stop work until their demands are met.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The launching of Iraq's five-year development plan, scheduled to cost 9,625,000 dinars, was announced in Baghdad on Friday night, ANA reported yesterday. The bulk of the funds will be set aside for a Tigris irrigation and drainage scheme. The river has hitherto caused severe damage every year by flooding the Iraq capital.

Riley Due Back In Jerusalem At End of Week

Major-General Riley, who leaves New York for Jerusalem today, will interrupt his flight for a day or two in Europe and may arrive here by the end of the week, U.N. indicated in the capital yesterday.

The arrival of Mr. Holger Andersen, head of the new Refugee Office of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, is scheduled for Tuesday. Mr. Andersen is now concluding another U.N. mission.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Conciliation Commission is to hold a formal meeting on Monday. It is reported that two members of the Commission spent the weekend in Beirut, the seat of the headquarters of the U.N. Relief And Work Agency for Arab Refugees.

General Riley said at Lake Success on Thursday that he believed it was possible to find a solution to the Israel-Syria dispute. "If both sides are amenable to accepting a proposal that the Chiefs of Staff might make, there is no question in my mind that this situation, as well as other situations, can be ironed out, and peace restored between the two parties," he said.

"In any situation of this kind, both parties will have opinions based on their own interpretations of the General Armistice Agreement as a whole," General Riley declared, adding that "understanding must be established between them which would permit the restoration of normal life to the Israelis as well as to the Arab refugees who are inhabitants of the demilitarized zone."

The Security Council, which will meet at Flushing Meadows on Tuesday, is expected to adopt a resolution referring the dispute over the Huleh area to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Syria claimed at Lake Success on Thursday that Israel had violated the Security Council's recent cease fire order by shelling Syrian territory. It was said that U.N. Observers on the scene had confirmed that 10 shells from a 25-pounder had landed near a Syrian Army post at Hasel.

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Bidault Resigns From Europe Council Body

STRASBOURG, Saturday (Reuter). — Former French Minister M. Georges Bidault today announced his resignation as Chairman of the European Assembly's Committee — the General Affairs Committee.

It was understood that one of the main reasons prompting M. Bidault's resignation was that the Bureau felt he had been wrong in taking the initiative on certain questions brought before the Council of Europe.

The Consultative Committee meeting here today unanimously passed a resolution, prepared by the General Affairs Committee, asking U.S. Congressmen to meet it for a public discussion on the vital problems of Europe and America. The resolution replaced a proposal by M. Reynaud, former French Premier, that Congressmen and Canadian M.P.'s should attend the Assembly debates.

The resolution proposed only "discussion"—preferably in Strasbourg but if necessary in Washington. M. Reynaud who spoke in support of it said that Canada had been left out because she had already been invited to send observers as a member of the Commonwealth.

Germany Soon to Be Member of WHO

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter).—Recommendations for the inclusion of Western Germany, Spain and Japan as members of the World Health Organization were voted yesterday by the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters.

The recommendations go before the fourth world health assembly in session here. It is almost certain that they will be approved.

The voting was as follows: Western Germany: 38 in favour, 1 against (Israel), 8 abstentions. Spain: 37 in favour, 2 against (Mexico and Uruguay), 7 abstentions. Japan: 39 in favour, 0 against, 8 abstentions (Australia, Israel and the Philippines).

Test at Eniwetok Of A-Bomb Defence

HONOLULU, Saturday (AP).—The U.S. has exploded another atom bomb at Eniwetok in the first test emphasizing defence against the bomb. Even the time of the closely guarded "Operation Greenhouse" is not definitely known, but it presumably took place on Monday or Tuesday in the 200-mile-square proving grounds, 2,000 miles west of here.

Its force was thrown against the structures built at Eniwetok to develop information on construction, design and materials which can best withstand the bomb's destructive power. Early speculation that the test might involve the hydrogen bomb was discounted.

U.S. and Britain Agreed on Far East

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP). — The U.S. and Britain seem to have ironed out most of their differences over Communist China, Formosa and the Japanese Peace Treaty, responsible officials said here today.

A statement by Mr. Herbert Morrison yesterday indicated that Britain is now ready to agree with the U.S. idea of tightening economic pressure against China and the other Soviet bloc countries. Major obstacles to agreement on the Japanese Peace Treaty have been removed, except for differences over a British proposal to limit Japanese shipbuilding, but Britain no longer insists that China be consulted on the Treaty. Britain is now prepared to postpone indefinitely the question whether Formosa should be returned to Communist China.

Russia Behind Korea War, Marshall Says

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Secretary of Defence George Marshall today described President Truman's message of January 13 to General MacArthur as aimed at bringing the former Far East Commander into "complete understanding of the Government's policy on the Korean War."

General Marshall was speaking for the sixth day before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committee investigating General MacArthur's dismissal.

The message told General MacArthur that actions in Korea must not lose for the U.S. the allies Mr. Truman said he would "desperately need" in the event of war with the Soviet Union.

General Marshall said Soviet Russia was "our real opponent" in Korea. Moscow could make the Chinese Communists call off their aggression in Korea "in a moment" if it wanted to.

Senate Votes to Halt Aid To Countries Sending China Arms

WASHINGTON, Saturday. —. The Senate voted on Thursday night to cut off economic aid to any nation which permitted arms or other strategic materials to reach Communist areas. It wrote this ban into a $431m. appropriation bill. The measure now goes to the House. The Senate ordered its representatives at the conference to yield no ground on the ban on aid to nations trading with the Communists.

A recommendation for a strategic embargo against Communist China is expected to come before the U.N. Political Committee next Thursday. The recommendation is expected to be made by the Additional Measures (Sanctions) Committee which met informally yesterday and was reported to have agreed on the U.S. resolution.

Under this resolution, the 12-member nations would be asked to prohibit the export of strategic materials as well as arms and ammunition to China. Britain and France have already indicated they would support such a resolution.

No Intervention

The U.S. State Department said yesterday "in no case" has it intervened with U.S. or foreign officials abroad to discourage shipments of strategic materials to Communist countries.

A Department statement said that materials of relatively minor importance were sometimes permitted to move to Iron Curtain countries. But, it emphasized, this was only permitted when Western nations received important materials to return from the Communist nations.

In New York, Governor Thomas E. Dewey has called for an "absolute and total embargo" by the free world on trade with Communist China. It was one of 11 points which he said was most urgently needed to stop Russia taking over the world "bit by bit."

In Singapore, a Government spokesman said yesterday that Britain's request to the Governments of Singapore and Malaya to stop exporting rubber to China will be given the earliest consideration.

In Canberra, it was authoritatively stated today that the Australian Government will shortly place the most drastic restrictions on exports which could reach China and be used for war purposes.

In Hong Kong, Governor Sir Alexander Grantham last night accused the press of some overseas countries of unfairness in recent criticisms of Hong Kong. He was referring to accusations that large quantities of strategic goods were finding their way into Communist China through the British colony.

Guns, Planes Bomb China Massing Area

KOREA, Saturday (Reuter).—U.N. artillery and planes struck today at Communist reinforcements flowing in their thousands behind a smoke-screen into a "massing" area behind the Chinese lines. Apparently they were preparing a new attack. The Chinese had tried to hide their movements along a 53-km. sector with a heavy smoke screen. A smaller screen enveloped their lines northwest of Seoul.

An Eighth Army communique issued today said there was no indication that the "massive gathering of enemy force" meant an immediate threat. U.N. forces had lost ground during the day.

U.S. Fifth Air Force pilots, in nearly 5,000 combat flights during the week ending yesterday killed or wounded an estimated 1,800 Communists.

China Charges U.S. Used Gas in Korea

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — Madame Li Teh-Chuan, President of the Chinese Red Cross, has accused the U.S. of using poison-gas five times during the Korean war.

She made the allegation before the Executive Committee of the International League of Red Cross Societies in session here. The text of her speech was released today.

Madame Li also charged the U.S. Forces were preparing to use germ warfare. She declared that the U.S. forces have been reported on five occasions to have used poison-gas on the river front "to save themselves from defeat."

37,000 TONS OF RUBBER

SINGAPORE, Saturday (Reuter). — The British ship Nancy Moller sailed for Hong Kong today with a cargo of 37,000 tons of Malayan rubber for Communist China. A Government spokesman said the cargo was allowed under a previous quota system before the British Government requested the banning of rubber shipments to China.

FRANCE TO VOTE ON JUNE 17

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The French Council of Ministers tonight fixed June 17 as the date of the coming general election.

The Senate this afternoon passed by 278 votes to 35 the "Suicide Bill" ending the present Parliament on July 4 — four months before its legal term. The National Assembly had passed the Bill earlier today and it now becomes law.

The law means that the new Parliament will be able to meet on July 5.

Big Tory Gains In Local Elections

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—British Conservatives were jubilant yesterday after big successes in Municipal Council elections held in about 390 towns throughout England and Wales. Most of the seats won were not from their Socialist rivals but from non-party Independents.

The Conservatives had a net increase of 103 seats; while the Labour Party had a net loss of only three seats.

In Leeds, centre of the Yorkshire clothing industry, the Conservatives turned a Labour majority of eight into a Conservative majority of 22.

Labour supporters claimed, however, that apart from this defeat, their party had generally held the line.

Labour won control of four councils, and Conservatives took power in five towns, including Leeds—but two were seized from Independents and one from Liberals.

In the other boroughs, where only one third of the Councils were up for re-election, political trends were not clear. The Conservative Central Office in London stated they considered that Leeds was in the nature of a miniature General Election.

U.K. May Fight For Oilfields

By George Lichtheim

LONDON, Saturday. — A warning that Britain may employ force if the Persian government attempts to take over the Abadan refinery is contained in a note understood to have been drafted by Mr. Morrison with Cabinet approval in reply to the latest Persian communication on the subject.

This is the sequel to last week's unsatisfactory interview between the Foreign Secretary and the Persian Ambassador who, in delivering his country's note, refused to discuss its contents and gave no indication of the steps proposed in Teheran to enforce the nationalization law. It is now reliably, though unofficially, stated here that if an attempt is made to take over either the oilfield installations or the refinery, British troops will be landed at Abadan. The necessary preparations have been made and action will be instantaneous.

Unexpected Development

This development is unexpected and contradicts earlier reports that Washington and London had agreed on a different course of action. It is now believed that Britain will if necessary act alone. This does not exclude American support for the compromise scheme reported to have been drafted here regarding the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's future status. It is clear, however, that the U.S. will not participate in any action to prevent the forcible seizure of the oilfields. The risks, which certainly include not only disturbances in Teheran but also Soviet troop movements on the frontier, have been carefully weighed here. Action will not be taken unless it becomes necessary, but will be rapid and decisive once the issue is engaged, it is stated.

Commenting on the situation, the "Economist" observes that "unless some attempt is made to control the irresponsible Nationalists now in power in Teheran they will not only destroy their own country but inflame the whole Arab Middle East." Against this background other Middle Eastern problems appear small for the moment.

'Israel Works'

An editorial in today's "Economist" deals extensively with Israel's economic troubles, and though the writer is duly shocked by the mounting trade deficit, he comes to the conclusion that "in contrast to all other Middle Eastern countries except Turkey here is a people that does not procrastinate. It does not merely plan development, it works at it."

Iran Fanatic Warns Of More Murders

TEHERAN, Saturday (UP). — "There are still others who must be pushed down the incline to hell," Seyed Navad Safavi, 27-year-old leader of the Fidayan Islam — the organization responsible for the assassination of Premier Ali Razmara—said in an interview in his hideout today.

"It was two ounces of gunpowder that put patriotism into our Chamber of Deputies," he said. He then attacked his rival religious leader Hassim Kashani, whom he accused of betraying Islam. "We have broken away from his National Front. He promised to set up an Islamic country according to the precepts of the Koran. Instead he helped to set up martial law, imprison our brothers and suspend our paper. I know he has incited the police to arrest me but they will not be able to do it. There are 5,000 people who would immediately give their lives at my command and I have hundreds of thousands of followers," Safavi said.

France, U.K. Discuss Middle East Policy

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter) — French and British Foreign Office officials met in Paris on Thursday and yesterday to try to iron out divergences in their policy in the Near and Middle East.

It was understood that the subjects discussed included the petrol problem in the Near East; the proposal ascribed to Britain for creating a Greater Syria, which the French oppose; the situation created by the Egyptian refusal to let ships carrying war material pass freely through the Suez Canal; British support of the Arab League, which worried the French; and the British attitude towards the situation in Morocco.

BOTWINNIK CHESS CHAMPION

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — M. Mikhail Botwinnik yesterday retained the World Chess Championship title when he drew with M. David Bronstein in the 24th game. The score was 13-12, Moscow radio reported.

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Social & Personal

President Weizmann has received cables of congratulations on the occasion of Independence Day from the Presidents of Argentina, Brazil, France, Guatemala, the Swiss Confederation, India, and Italy, Queen Juliana of The Netherlands, the Prince of Lichtenstein, the Presidents of the Philippines, Turkey, the U.S., and the president of the Presidium of the U.S.S.R. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett, has received Independence Day greetings from the Foreign Ministers of Brazil, Cuba, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, New Zealand and Poland.
Greetings were also received in the name of the International Red Cross from M. Paul Ruegger, President, and from M. Jean Munier, its representative in Israel.

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President Weizmann will receive members of the Diplomatic Corps and other guests at a reception at Rehovot this afternoon on the occasion of Independence Day. Last night, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett gave a dinner for members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Government and senior Army officers at the Sharon Hotel in Herzlia.

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Mr. S.Z. Shragai, Mayor of Jerusalem, has left on a short vacation. Mr. Eliahu Eliashar will act as Mayor during his absence.

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Mr. Barnett Janner, British M.P. and President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, arrived by El Al on Thursday night.

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Moshe Oisher, the Yiddish actor, arrived here by El Al on Thursday night to give a series of performances.

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Mr. Bruno B. Binetter, of Zurah Advertising Ltd., Tel Aviv, has left for the United States and Europe on business.

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Arnold Schoenberg, the well-known composer, has accepted an invitation to become Honorary President of the Israel Academy of Music, Jerusalem.

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The group of U.S. journalists now visiting Israel were the guests of El Al at a luncheon at the Sharon Hotel yesterday. The visitors are due to return to the U.S. tonight.

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Fifty Zionist leaders from abroad took part in a discussion of problems of the Zionist movement held on Friday in the conference room of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem. Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, of the Executive, addressed the meeting.

BIRTH

ZUCKERMAN — To Yael, nee Rohald, wife of Zohar Zuckerman, at the Assutah Hospital, Tel Aviv, on Yom Atzma'ut — a son.

Robert C. Loewi

An Appreciation

Jerusalem and Israel's economic life have lost a man of wide experience and an outstanding character in Mr. Robert C. Loewi, who died after a prolonged illness at the age of 64 in his Jerusalem home on Friday, May 11, 1951.

The deceased, a co-founder and managing director of Messrs. Jacob Japhet & Co. Ltd., Bankers, since the establishment of the firm in 1933, was a banker with a wide knowledge of international financial affairs, a member of many committees and a director on the boards of several companies. His advice was sought by friends and business firms, and his opinion highly esteemed.

He began his career with Messrs. L. Dreyfus & Co., one of the former large private banking firms in Frankfurt on Main, and also worked for a number of years before the First World War with Speyer Bros., one of the leading London private banks. After the war, he joined Messrs. Lazar Speyer-Ellissen, Frankfurt. In 1933 he came to Jerusalem and jointly with the late Mr. Jacob Japhet and Dr. A. Feuchtwanger, established the Jerusalem banking firm which quickly became one of the leading private banks of the country.

Mr. Loewi was also a member of the Banking Advisory Board (under the Mandate) and upon the establishment of the State was asked to join the Israel Banking Committee, but had to decline owing to his failing health. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Misdal Insurance Co. Ltd. and Teva Pharmaceutical and Chemical Works Ltd. He leaves a sister in London.

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Responsibility for Refugees Must Be Shared, Churches Say

The communal responsibility of broad national and political groups for the tragic plight of Palestine Arab refugees was stressed last week in a statement published by the Refugee Conference which was held in Beirut by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council from May 4 to May 8.

The Report stressed that though a permanent solution of the refugee problems could be reached only after the settlement of the political differences between the Arab states and Israel, it was incumbent on all those who shared in bringing about the tragedy immediately to share in the cost of reparation and resettlement on the basis of large-scale, long-term financial commitments. The following is the text of the Report:

We, members of a conference on the Palestinian refugee problem, meeting in Beirut on May 5, 1951 under the auspices of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches, are shocked by the plight of the refugees from Palestine. As we visited different areas and saw the appalling conditions under which they are living in camps and towns and villages, we have had our minds brought sharply back to the tragic chain of events which has caused this situation.

Scattered over five countries, more than three quarters of a million Palestinian refugees have been subjected to terrible privations, lasting in many cases for a period of three years. They have suffered grievous physical and material losses, but their mental, moral and spiritual hurt has perhaps been even greater. Furthermore there is no end in sight. Little wonder is it that their morale is steadily deteriorating, and that many show signs of desperation.

The responsibility for the present situation must be shared by many nations and political groups. In so far as Christians by their action or inaction, have failed to influence in the right course the policy and decisions of their governments and of the United Nations, they too are guilty. Upon us, therefore, falls the greater responsibility to seek, in collaboration with all men of good will, a constructive solution for the problem. Moreover, none of us can claim that we have hitherto discharged the humanitarian obligation that lies upon us.

Along with millions of refugees in other parts of the world—Europe, India, Pakistan, Korea and elsewhere — **the greater proportion of the Palestinian refugees are the victims of a catastrophe for which they themselves are not responsible. A deep injustice has** been inflicted upon them, a measure of suffering they never deserved. To them is owed a debt of restitution by their fellow-men, especially by those who in any way shared in the responsibility for their present plight. Yet we realize that nowhere in the world today can the claims of absolute justice be enforced, and that only the healing hand of time, and the exercise of a spirit of forgiveness, can release those forces which will make for peace, mutual understanding and reconciliation.

Wait on Peace

We are convinced that there can be no permanent solution of the problem of the Palestinian refugees until there is a settlement of the outstanding political differences between the Arab States and Israel. Churches are not competent to lay down the lines of a political solution. It is the duty of all governments in co-operation with the United Nations to press for, and to facilitate, an early and agreed settlement, as an indispensable condition for achieving a lasting solution of the refugee problem. This particular settlement can only come as part of the general settlement of international problems in the Near East, and it will need the support of international guarantees, so as to remove the spirit of uncertainty and fear from the political atmosphere of the region.

Such a settlement will have to contain provision for the return of a certain number of refugees to their original homes. It must also include a general plan of compensation for refugees whether they return or not.

We urge that, on both counts, the settlement should be not only just but generous. Yet, while we recognize the basic right of all refugees to their own homes and property, nevertheless a careful appraisal of the total situation has compelled us to conclude that many Palestinian refugees will have to settle in new homes. For their integration into the life and economy of the Arab States, large sums of money will be needed, and needed quickly. It is the undeniable obligation of all who have shared in responsibility for the present tragedy also to share in the cost of making reparation for the damage done. And, since all schemes of resettlement require time for implementation, the essential financial contributions must be in the form of guaranteed, long-term commitments.

Finally, we appeal to all Christians to use their influence in persuading their Governments and the United Nations as to the need for a definite political settlement and large-scale schemes of relief and reconstruction. We would urge all Christians to give personally on a far more liberal scale to all the activities of the Christian voluntary organizations engaged in the work of relief, rehabilitation, and resettlement in the Near East. We would call upon the Christian churches throughout the world to co-operate more actively with the churches of the Near East which have been so hard hit by the present tragedy in order that they may maintain their Christian witness and face in a constructive way the opportunities of the new situation.

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Hooks Eliminated For Use at Port

HAIFA, Saturday. — The use of hooks for the unloading of bulk cargo in sacks has now been practically eliminated in Haifa Port, it is learned. The hooks which caused serious losses of sugar, grain and other bulk commodities has been replaced by a new device. In some cases dockers are required to unload the sacks by hand.

Iraqi Immigrants in Beersheba Show Way to Absorption

By H. Ben-Adi

Perhaps as amazing as the growth of Beersheba from a sand-scorched halting place for caravans to a khaki-clad township of almost 15,000 has been the integration of solid groups of immigrants from various countries in the still uncrystallized pattern of Beersheba's existence.

Most conspicuous among the immigrant groups is the Iraqi community, which comprises 4,500 persons, or one-third of the town's population. Not a single Iraqi is unemployed, and 600 of the Iraqi families are already settled in the new housing estates which have mushroomed on the outskirts of "Old Beersheba."

Four hundred families still live in the *ma'bara*, awaiting their turn for permanent housing.

Despite the short time that they have been here, one Iraqi has been appointed to the Histadrut education committee, and Mapai having set the lead, most parties are featuring Iraqis on their local election lists.

The Iraqi immigrants are well organized, and recently elected a committee of 11 to carry out a five-point programme for the community.

The programme is : 1) to teach all immigrants from Iraq Hebrew; 2) to acquire representation in the Labour Exchange and Social Welfare Committee; 3) to assure education facilities for all their children. 4) to assist newcomers from Iraq and to inform them of their rights and duties as residents of Israel, and 5) to arrange trips and lectures for the newcomers and to help them settle down successfully.

The programme is interesting in that it indicates the strong desire of the immigrants here, as throughout Israel, to achieve organic integration in the community.

The committee is made up of six labourers, a rabbi, an engineer, a pharmacist, a representative of the Jewish Agency, and a member of the Histadrut Education Committee.

This "community" has two major complaints: its own lack of knowledge of Hebrew, and of the rest of the community's ignorance of the Iraqi background and way of life. One members of the committee, himself a poet who is fluent in five languages, told me that a large proportion of Beersheba's Iraqi population is composed of highly-educated and skilled persons who are unable to find work in their own fields. He felt, as do immigrants of so many lands, that many were wasting valuable knowledge and skills in their work as manual labourers.

Whatever the difficulties, the Iraqi community can attribute its progress to its own work and perseverance. Local observers feel that the meeting between east and west in this town will prove profitable to both sides as well as to Beersheba itself.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM : 407 M.; HAIFA : 249 M.
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NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 10.15 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.; **Turkish:** 10 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 Music (R). **11.00** Musical Calendar (R). **12.00** N. Break for Music (R). **12.30** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00** Soldier's Programme. **2.15** Protestant Service. **4.00 p.m.** Programme for Yemenites. **4.20** Dance Music (R). **4.45** Vocal Recital: Esther Sharon. **5.00** Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger, Soloist: Gideon Rocbr: Overture "A Night on the Old Market" (Krein); "Psalm for Viola & Orchestra" (Ruth Mueller); "Five Pieces for Orchestra (Weprik). **5.30** Film Review. **5.45** Music Programme. Announcements. **6.15** Talk. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** Agricultural Corner. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45** Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Paul Paray: Symphony No.1 (Schumann); Overture "Carnival Romain" (Berlioz). **9.30** "The Citizen Wants to Know..." **9.45** From the World of Music." **10.30** "On a Desert Island." **11.15** Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m.: **Yiddish:** 7.00 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.40 p.m.: **French:** 8.00 p.m. **Rumanian:** 8.15 p.m. **Hungarian.**

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.15 Newsreel. 12.30 "Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 12.45 The Jerusalem Brains Trust.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.2 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Programme Parade. 7.48 Music.

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Details in posters

Betar Win Jerusalem Cup

Betar Selected won the Jerusalem Independence Cup on Wednesday, when they beat Maccabi Selected by three goals to one, after extra time had been played.

Part of the celebrations of the 3rd. Independence Day in Israel, the meeting at the Y.M.C.A. attracted numerous spectators. Among those present were Mr. Shragai, the Mayor of Jerusalem, Dr. A. Biran, District Officer, and Mr. Levi Abrahami, Chief of the Jerusalem Police.

The issue was not decided until the referee, Mr. Asheri, had ordered an extra 30 minutes of play, after the teams had battled out a real Cup game of 90 minutes. At half-time the score was 0-0, and after 90, one-all.

Before the game the teams lined up before Dr. Biran who gave a short address, and then kicked off. The Maccabi men pressed from the start and Glazer tried unsuccessfully to break through on his own. Betar pushed back the attacks and play remained mainly in midfield during the goal-less first half.

Penned In

Early on in the second period, Stern, of Betar, gained possession and sent a nice pass through to Dola, who netted well to give Betar a 1-0 lead, after five minutes play. Betar, encouraged by this advantage, continued to press the Maccabi side and kept them penned in their own half.

On the quarter hour Maccabi took over for a spell, and Eli Fuchs sent in a "picture book" shot on the turn, which Mizrachi, in the Betar goal, managed to reach, but not stop. This brought the score to one-all. There was no further score until the whistle for the end of 90 minutes' play.

Betar pressed during the extra time and Dola added his second goal of the afternoon to give Betar the lead again, while two minutes from the end of extra time Zion netted to give Betar the Cup. The teams paraded before Mr. Shragai, who made a short speech on the significance of Independence Day, especially to Jerusalem, the Capital, after which he presented the trophy to the winning side.

M.F.

American R & A Captain

Francis Ouimet, former U.S. 'Open' and Amateur golf champion, last Tuesday became the first non-Briton ever elected captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. The post has been held by many famous players in the Club's 198-year history. Among them was the King of England in 1930 and the Duke of Windsor in 1932.

Ouimet will play himself into office as captain in September by driving off the first ball in the Autumn Medal meeting at the Old Course at St. Andrews. The caddies will scramble for the ball, and on returning it to the captain traditionally will be rewarded a gold sovereign.

Louis and Savold Bout

Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," former world heavyweight boxing champion, and Lee Savold, who is recognized by Britain as the present title holder, will meet in a 12-round fight at the Polo Grounds New York, on June 13, the International Club has announced.

Savold, aged 35, and Louis, 37, have never met in the ring. Louis will get 35 per cent of the gate and Savold 25 per cent. The winner will undoubtedly get a title fight in September with Charles Ezzard, recognized by 46 States in America as the world heavyweight champion. Savold has not fought since he beat Bruce Woodcock, of England, 11 months ago.

Fight Offers for Towel

Vic Towel, the South African holder of the world bantamweight boxing championship, has been offered fights in Canada and Australia. His Canadian offer is to meet Fernando Gagnon outside the bantam limit for a purse of £4,000. Towel beat Gagnon in an Empire title fight in Johannesburg during April 1950.

The Australian offer is for three fights with a purse of £3,000 each. Towel is interested in both offers but is expected to choose the Australian one. He is to have two warm-up fights before his world championship bout with Luis Romero. Towel's opponents are likely to be selected from Bobby Boland, Tommy Profitt and Ray Fitton.

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THE WEATHER

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Haifa	—	—	—	26
Nathanya	—	—	—	26
Hakirya	—	—	—	26
Lydda	46	16	32	30
Jerusalem	—	—	30	24

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with temperatures back to normal.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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Water supply to Jerusalem will be reduced during the next three or four days due to work on the pipeline, the Jerusalem Municipality announced on Friday. Citizens are requested to economise in the use of water during this period, the announcement added.

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An appeal against the election in B'nai Brak was filed by Mr. Shmuel Strol in the District Court in Tel Aviv on Friday. The application claims that a parcel containing the votes of seven soldiers, which would have been decisive, was not opened.

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Three Jaffa port workers were remanded for seven days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Friday on charges of stealing five sacks of cement.

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A fire in a shoe factory in Rehov Sahaneh, Tel Aviv, caused IL.2,000 damage on Friday. A worker lost IL.222 in the blaze.

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Seven cases of pick-pocketing, three stolen automobiles and a number of burglaries occurred in Tel Aviv during the three-day Independence Day celebrations.

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A concert by students of the New Jerusalem Conservatorium and Academy of Music will be given in the hall of the Academy at 8.30 tonight.

Rams' Horns Greet Iraqis

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday —Independence Day celebrations came to an official close here yesterday when the Rabbinate ceremoniously greeted 135 Iraqi immigrants as they stepped off a Near East aircraft, the 607th flight of the airlift.

Women, children and newborn babes came down the ramp to the sound of the ram's horn, the singing of a boy's choir, and the chanting of the rabbis. Most of the men stepped up to the Scrolls of the Law to kiss them. Before the arrival of the aircraft at about noon officials, guests, and immigrants who had arrived on the previous aircraft, shared refreshments from tables set out on the parking ramp.

Among those present were Rabbi Mordecai Nurock, Knesset member, and Mr. Leo Herman, both of whom represented the Foundation Fund; Dr. S. Cahana, Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs; Mr. Y. Rafael, head of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department, and Rabbi I.Y. Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Unterman blessed the immigrants as newsreel photographers recorded the ceremony.

PORT CONGESTION ALARMING

HAIFA, Saturday. — Congestion of Haifa Port storage space has reached alarming proportions. Discharge of cargo from ships during the past two full working days had dropped from an average of 5,000 tons to 3,500 and 3,040 tons respectively, indicating that operations have had to be slowed down because of the tardy clearance of goods by importers.

(Earlier Port Story — P.2)

State of 3m., Capital Of 250,000 Seen in 10 Years

A State with a population of 3m., and Jerusalem as a city of 250,000 with a large railway station at Motza, was foreseen by Mr. Z. Sharef, Secretary to the Government, in an impressive and visionary glimpse of Israel 10 years hence. He spoke at the Jerusalem Journalists' "Vocal Newspaper" on Friday evening. Immigration would continue also from countries from which only a trickle was now coming, he said.

Many cities, including Kurnub and Beit Guvrin, with tens of thousands of inhabitants, and several international airports were also included in the picture. No new settlements would be founded after reaching the thousand mark, but existing ones would be consolidated, Mr. Sharef added.

Border Incidents Drop

Aloof Mordecai Makleff, Deputy Chief of Staff, said that the encounter at Tel el Mutella last week had been comparable to the heaviest battles of the War of Independence, and had inflicted heavy losses on the Syrians. On the other hand, the number of border incidents had dropped from between 500 and 600 five months ago to about 70, and it had again become possible to establish new settlements along the frontiers, he stated.

Mr. Meir Grossman, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, emphasized the share of Diaspora Jewry in the upbuilding of Israel and the need for a strong Zionist movement. He stressed the contribution of Jewish journalists towards the realization of the Zionist ideal.

Speaking at the "Vocal Newspaper" in Jaffa, Aloof Moshe Dayan declared that Israel's victory was due to the Jews having stood firm while the Arabs ran away, and although Israel now had arms it was more important that every citizen should know his place in the event of war. This granted, Israel could withstand the unified onslaught of all potential enemies, he said.

Mr. Z. Magen gave a short account of the growth of Jaffa as a Jewish city. Other speakers included Mr. B. Rubinstein and Mr. Haim Levanon.

At the "Vocal Newspaper" in Tel Aviv, Aloof Moshe Zadok said that Israel, on its third anniversary, was more in a state of war than of peace. The enemy planned a joint invasion to annihilate the inhabitants of Israel in a second round, he declared, and stressed that a well-prepared and well-equipped army and the proper spirit throughout the country were necessary to defend it.

Time Will Tell

After the "Vocal Newspaper" in Jerusalem a number of journalists met Mr. Sharef and asked him for the notes of his speech containing his prediction about Israel's population after 10 years. The sheet was put in an envelope, sealed and signed by three journalists and on the top of the envelope the following instruction was written: *Open on May 11, 1961!*

For the next 10 years the envelope will remain in a safe in the Prime Minister's office.

Mr. David Remez, Minister of Education, said that Independence Day was to become a new National holiday; and Mayor I. Rokach recalled that Tel Aviv had housed Hagana Headquarters in Mandatory days. Other speakers included Aloof S. Shamir, O.C. Airforce; and Mr. A.L. Pinkus, General Manager of El Al.

UJA Chances Good, Bond Drive 'Unclear'—Silver

The prospects of the United Jewish Appeal this year are better than last year, while the future of the Bond Drive "is not clear," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, General Zionist leader in the U.S., declared yesterday at a public meeting organized by his party in Jerusalem. "I think, however," he added, "that the Bond Drive will succeed, too."

The Zionist movement must go on giving financial aid to Israel, but the spiritual content of Zionism must not be taken out of it, as most of the Jews will still remain outside Israel, Mr. Silver said.

He promised that after his return to the U.S., he would do his best to make American Jews help Israel financially, and would urge youth to emigrate.

Dr. Silver criticized an "unhappy expression" used by Mr. Ben Gurion, referring to the latter's words on "Socialism in our days." This expression, which was, moreover, wrongly interpreted, caused fear among the Jews of America, especially prospective investors.

Mr. Y. Saphir, General Zionist member of the Knesset, also addressed that meeting.

A reception for Dr. Silver is to be held at 11 a.m. today by the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

Truman as The 'Average American'

Mr. Gershon Agron, editor of **The Jerusalem Post**, speaking at a Mapai rally in Jerusalem yesterday morning on "The United States and Britain Today," on his return from those countries, said that the recent events involving General MacArthur had shown that President Truman was a personality of stature. He had grown with his task and had fully justified the credit given him when he succeeded President Roosevelt.

The fact that Mr. Truman was an "average American" who knew this himself and acted as every other American would act in given circumstances, fitted him all the better for his task.

The reception accorded to General MacArthur by the American public did not necessarily indicate on the face of it, that the Americans wanted war in the Far East even if this led to a World War.

England, while straining to become materially independent of the U.S., realized that the spread of Communism in Europe was caused by poverty and that, but for American aid, Western Europe would long have been overrun by the Soviet Union.

Turning to the effort in America in behalf of Israel, Mr. Agron estimated that the United Jewish Appeal this year was yielding results which already at this moment were some 25 per cent higher than those of a year before. As to the Bonds sales, he expected the lion's share from persons of modest means, who would give from their savings, and that those able to invest very large sums would follow the popular trend.

Fined for Mishap

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —A cooperative settlement which negligently caused the death of a member of the settlement in a road accident a year ago, was fined IL.100 by the District Court here yesterday. The driver, Aharon Grossman, of Moshav Zofit, in in the Sharon Valley had been driving a truck on which a tractor was loaded. When making a sharp turn at the Lydda-Rosh Ha'ayin crossroads, the tractor overturned and crushed a passenger, Mr Zvi Lehrman.

Ration News

JERUSALEM — Local: Potatoes: One kilogram, Zones 1, 2, 5, Feb 16; hospitals are to apply to Tnuva. Cucumbers: 150 grams, Zones 3 and 6, Tav 252.

TEL AVIV — Cucumbers: 150 grams, Zones 4 and 5, Tav 234. Apricots: 150 grams, Zone 2, Tav 235. Potatoes: One kilogram, Feb 16, temporary 37, tourists fruit and vegetable coupon 1; deadline Wednesday. Tourists will continue receiving their egg rations on their temporary cards at tourist shops. Tourist cards issued hereafore will remain in effect.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs: 4, Resh 13, temporary 8, Chicken: Sick persons only. Domestic Potatoes: One kilogram, Feb 16, temporary, 43. Tomatoes: 300 grams for children under 18, Tav 244, temporary, 41. Bananas: 300 grams, Feb 15; temporary, 32. Butter: 100 grams for children under 14, and sick persons, Sadi 2, temporary 25

SHARETT 6 Killed in Panama; President Arrested

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amid loud applause. He called on veteran residents not to forget that the task confronting the State was not yet finished, and to remember the difficulties they themselves had experienced when they first arrived here.

Equality of Effort

It was almost impossible to achieve complete equality within a country, M. Sharett said, but the State must try to bring about as much equality as possible, and to demand more from those who had more. The fundamental principle of Mapai, he said, was equality of effort, and of sacrifice, and the national good.

Taking issue with other political parties, Mr. Sharett said that Mapam paid allegiance to another group of states, and might do so even if that tended to be against the good of their own country. This group consisted of a number of countries, with one big state at their head, who demanded the allegiance of all the others. Woe betide any country which departed from that line, he said.

Such a system was not suited to the Jewish people, which made its own calculations. This system, which was adopted by Mapam, was a departure from Zionism, and could even be a negation of Zionism. Referring to help from the U.S., Mr. Sharett said that Mapam members were prepared to accept financial assistance from the Jews of America, but not from the government of that country.

The Jewish community of the Soviet Union was today the second largest community in the world, but what influence do those Jews have? What can they say? What can they think? Mr. Sharett asked, and replied: "nothing." He contrasted the U.S., which permitted Jews to leave, and the Soviet Union, which forbade its Jewish community freedom to emigrate.

Turning to the General Zionists, Mr. Sharett said that party appealed for freedom, but it was freedom to sell on the black market and freedom not to pay the worker a sufficient wage.

Soviet Books Displayed

HAIFA, Saturday.—An exhibition of Soviet books was opened here today under the auspices of the Israel-USSR Friendship League. The exhibition comprises fiction, science and children's books, mainly in Russian, but also in other European languages, including Yiddish.

M. M. Mouchin, Counsellor of the Soviet Legation; M. M. Popov, Cultural Attache; Knesset members Dr. M. Sneh, Toufik Touhi, and Dr. S. Eisenstadt, Hebrew Language Committee Chairman, attended the opening.

M. Mouchin dwelt on the large influence of literature in Soviet Russia where the number of books published since the Revolution had reached 125 billions, he said.

Enough Phones By 1953, Prihar Says

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Telephone equipment worth $1.5m. has been received by the General Post Office, but the installation of new telephones is being handicapped by lack of premises, Mr. Zvi Prihar, Postmaster-General, said at a weekly luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial club here yesterday.

In 1953, however, Mr. Prihar said, any request for telephones would be met without delay.

The scope of the post office service has been increased by 50 per cent in the past six months. There are now 31,000 telephones in operation, 60,000 kilometres of urban lines and 650,000 kms. of inter-urban lines.

IL.1,200 Damages For Traffic Fatality

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Dan bus cooperative and a private citizen whose vehicles had collided and caused the death of a pedestrian were ordered by the District Court here yesterday to pay IL.1,200 damages to the husband of the deceased. The accident occurred at the corner of Rehov Gordon and Rehov Shlomo Hamelech 20 months ago. The plaintiff, Mr. Herman Hershkovitz, had sued for IL.5,000.

'Times' Urges New U.N. Peace Effort

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — "The Times" today urged new Korean peace efforts by the U.N. if the present Communist offensive fails. The newspaper said in an editorial that if peace in Korea is to be achieved, it must be with the participation of the Chinese Communists. Otherwise, it added, peace is impossible.

The British government is right in realizing that "the Chinese Communist government is firmly established and that Chiang Kai Shek in no way represents a possible alternative," the paper declared. It called General MacArthur's "recipe for victory" a "policy of dangerous simplicity" and found his "indifference to political considerations still more astonishing."

"Economic sanctions, a naval blockade, bombing Manchuria are all measures which would extend the war without bringing it to an end," the editorial continued, adding that there is "at least the chance they will hesitate to go on if the present offensive fails. In that case the U.N. would be wise to stand on or near the 38th Parallel and not to pursue the Chinese if they then withdraw. That would be the time for the U.N. to put forward formal appeals for peace. If that fails—as of course it well may—the U.N. will have to decide whether to adopt General MacArthur's policy or to chose yet another way."

Denmark, Hapoel Tie

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Danish soccer team A.G.P. and Tel Aviv Hapoel tied 0:0 at the Hapoel grounds here today before a crowd of 6,000.

A peak figure of 4,769 tourists arrived in Israel during April; and an additional 1,437 paid a one-day visit, it has been announced. The highest number previously reached was 3,903 in July, 1950.

Cables in Brief

SENTENCED. — A British Military Court yesterday sentenced Alexander Buschanek, the last of a group arrested with former British officer Neville Napier, to six months imprisonment for selling military information to Czech agents. Napier is serving seven years for espionage.

CASUALTIES. — Malayan terrorists killed a British soldier and wounded three others yesterday. The casualties occurred in three separate skirmishes with 50 guerrillas in the Kajang area of Selangor state. Four guerrillas were killed.

ARRESTED. — The Czechoslovak Ambassador to East Berlin, who was recalled to Prague a month ago, is believed to be under house arrest there for "having Western connections and being implicated in a plot against the Government."

RESIGNED.—Italian Deputy Giancarlo Matteotti has formally resigned from the pro-Communist Socialist Party (PSI). He broke with the Party two months ago after being suspended for six months for criticizing Russia.

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Registration continues until Friday, May 18, 1951.
Those interested should apply to the following offices:-
Jerusalem: Education Branch, Davids Bldg., c/o Mr. Ben Zion Lurie (8 a.m. — 2 p.m.)
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Haifa: 16 Bank St., c/o I. Meisler, (8 a.m. — 12 noon).
Further particulars will be given at this office.
Those accepted for the Ulpan will be obliged by contract to work at the places which the Director of Education will fix for them and to return the expenses for their training, by instalments.
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We regret to announce with deep grief and sorrow the death at the age of 64, after a prolonged illness, on Friday, May 11, 1951, at his home in Jerusalem of our esteemed co-founder and managing director

Mr. Robert C. Loewi

The funeral has already taken place.

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CORRESPONDENT'S ARREST MARKS END OF FREE REPORTING

Death of The Czechoslovak Press

By a Special Correspondent

THE news of the arrest of the correspondent of the Associated Press in Prague, Mr. William Oatis, is not the first interference by the Czechoslovak Government with the Freedom of the Press.

It was the Prague correspondent of the New York Times, Mr. Dana Adams Schmidt, who described a year ago the difficulties he encountered while gathering news in Czechoslovakia:

"Under a two year old law for the defence of the republic" he wrote "one could be convicted of espionage for gathering any information not officially published or even for correlating published information."

From official and semi-official pronouncements of the Czech authorities it becomes clearer day by day that the Press Department of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs—which Mr. Siroky thoroughly reorganized after the discharge of Mr. Clementis—considers a foreign correspondent a *bona fide* correspondent only as long as he follows in his dispatches to his paper or Agency the strict Party line. No wonder that in the light of this view, Mr. Oatis was arrested for "activities hostile to the Czechoslovak State."

Break with Tradition

The present Czechoslovak Government's attitude towards the Freedom of the Press was not always what it is today. It changed drastically during the last three years, and broke ostensibly with its own previous attitude.

During the German occupation in the so-called Protectorate some Czech journalists collaborated with the Nazis to save their lives. But out of 910 members of the Journalist Association 256 were imprisoned by the Nazis and 120 never returned. The Czech press was still Czech in language, but German in its views and purposes. The natural reaction of the Czech public opinion was that it believed everything which wasn't printed in their *gleichgeschaltete* dailies. The whispering propaganda from mouth to mouth, the Czech and Slovak broadcasts from the B.B.C. in London and the Moscow radio became the only and real sources of information. So history repeats itself when Mr. Dana Adams Schmidt writes about the Czechoslovak press of today:

"A large part of the Czechoslovak public, including many nominal Communists, get around that by not reading any newspapers and diligently listening to the Voice of America and the British Broadcasting Corporation."

Soon after the Liberation the Czech journalists who fought underground or abroad succeeded in putting the Czech press on a new political and moral platform. Czechs took a leading part in creating the International Organization of Journalists in London, which collapsed later as one of the first casualities of the cold war. A compromise between the western approach to the political Freedom of the Press and the eastern concept was achieved in Czechoslovakia. Only political parties—there were five of them in the first Czech postwar coalition — or important corporations like the Youth movement, the Trade Union, the Army, the National Writers' Association etc., were allowed by law to publish periodicals.

'Yellow Press'

To understand the free and willing approval given to this nationalization of the Czech press by the three right wing parties—who with the Communists and Social-democrats formed the Government—one must know that the "Yellow Press" misused in a shocking way the freedoms given to it by the old Czechoslovak constitution. By its fascist views, in its daily attacks against Masaryk and Benes and all what both presidents stood for, it paved Hitler's way in Czechoslovakia a long time before Munich. No need to emphasize that this kind of press became an all too ready mouthpiece of the Germans during the occupation. After the Liberation there was no doubt among the leading men of all parties — many of them were professional journalists in any case — that, as president Benes put it, "unlimited freedom must give way to public interest."

A Czech journalist and co-author of the new press law, which passed the Czechoslovak National Assembly on May 28, 1947, wrote:

> "Freedom of opinion was completely assured as after the Liberation and with the consent of the resistance movement, the Government has lifted censorship and has granted to the press freedom in the widest meaning of this word. Nobody working for the Czech press today is restricted in what to write or not to write."

Nobody could repeat this observation in 1951.

Beginning of the End

Since February 1948 the Czech press underwent gradually under the constant pressure of the Cominform a second *gleichschaltung*. Purges and heresy hunts became the order of the day. From political leaders to sport columns papers were cleared from their "bourgeois" and "cosmopolitan" deviations. The editors became responsible for doctoring the news. Many were called on the carpet because the people of The Good Soldier Svejk tried successfully to get its viewpoints between the lines of Classified advertisements.

Russian Concept

Since the 1948 the Politbureau forced its own concept of Freedom of the Press down the hapless throat of the Czech reading public. All sense of proportion, restraint and humour had to go. Slogans and oversimplification were served to the Czech man in the street, who learned for three hundred years under Austro-Hungarian censorship to read between the lines. The result of this clumsy Russian propaganda was growing scepticism and disillusionment. There is hardly anywhere in the world a press more foreign to the mentality of its readers than the half a dozen of dailies published in Prague today. And nobody in the whole world is spreading more efficiently a profound and deep hatred against everything Russian than the self-defeating pro-Russian press of Czechoslovakia.

In this unhappy state of affairs, of which the Party circles become slowly aware, there is a frantic search for culprits. Mr. Novy, the editor of the party organ "Rude Pravo," was arrested and so were a few other Czech journalists. Their place was filled with obedient mouthpieces without any improvements or healing results.

Not only the Freedom of the Press is dead in Czechoslovakia today, but the Czech press itself is dead, having arrived at last at the Freedom from Freedom and the Freedom from its readership.

Readers' Letters

JAIL ONLY

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In your issue of May 4, under the title of "Hospital Built with Black Market Supplies," Mayor Rokach authorized the purchase of building materials at black market prices to hasten the completion of the new municipal hospital and for other essential services. On one hand the government is planning severe increases in its declared war against the black market, and on the other hand a responsible personality gives permission to deal in the black market under the guise of humanitarian establishments. It cannot be doubted by any means that by putting black marketeers at once into jail would be a service to the whole of the suffering public and not only to the few numbered patients about whom the Mayor is worried.

Yours, etc.,
YEHUTZKEL NOURI

Jerusalem, May 4.

APPRECIATION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Mr. S. Robert Abrahami thought it fit to inform the readers of *The Jerusalem Post* that he had severed his relations with a party represented "by such men as Mr. Rokach," his argument being that Mr. Rokach had authorized black market purchases for hospital building.

I have, however, no doubt that many of us will welcome the courage and honesty of our Mayor, who in a state of utmost emergency, in matters of life and death, resorted to means which are, either willingly or unknowingly, employed by the majority of our population, though few people will admit it.

Let Mr. Abrahami learn the truth that a black-market cannot be fought, let alone be eradicated, by laws and force alone.

Yours, etc.,
Ch. REED

Tel Aviv, May 10.

Italy's Two 'Party-Churches'

By Richard Lowenthal

ROME—

THE traveller who comes to Italy from France is struck first of all by one difference: in Italy fear of war is not the focal point of all political thought and discussion. Italians in the mass do not, as Frenchmen and Germans do nowadays, feel "pre-occupied" — they do not spend their days worrying about the possibility of Russian invasion. They do not, apparently, feel that they lie in the main line of advance of a possible aggression; their Eastern frontier is small and is, up to a point, protected by Tito — yesterday's national enemy.

That fact makes a big difference to Italian politics. The "peace campaign," despite astronomic figures of signatures, is not the really strong point of Communist propaganda; in the frontier provinces, Communist votes are considerably lower than the Italian average.

Political Pivot

The pivot of Italian politics in the post-war years has been Communism as an *internal* problem, and the basic social issues of land hunger and mass unemployment that make it a major force. The effort of this is an unnatural constellation in Italian politics: anti-Communist votes have been concentrated to an enormous extent on the Christian Democrats, even the votes of large numbers of people who are anything but believing Catholics. The result is an absolute Christian Democratic majority in a country in which political Catholicism is certainly a very great force, but definitely not a real majority among the people. Politics have been reduced to a contest between two mass parties of which one is openly totalitarian, while the other, backed by the Church, is suspected by many of totalitarian potentialities despite its present democratic leadership.

No Effective Opposition

Liberal intellectuals and foreign observers are full of praise for Premier de Gasperi's statesmanship and democratic sense in deliberately avoiding the abuse of his party's present strength to impose a clerical regime, and therefore shunning a one-party government. But their praise implies that, but for the Premier and some of his friends, the danger of such abuse would exist. There are indeed influential groups in his party, and above all in the powerful Catholic Action, who are pressing for just that.

The division of the Italian political scene between two parties that are really party-churches, enmeshing the citizen's whole life in a network of organizations, has so far left no room for an effective constitutional opposition. It has deprived the traditionally liberal intelligentsia, both in the sector that has remained faithful to economic liberalism and in that which has turned to democratic socialism, of any instrument of political influence. The old Liberal party has degenerated into a coterie of land-owners; the Action Party which expressed the radical hopes of the Resistance failed to win a post-war following; the anti-Communist Socialists have vegetated for years as ineffective splinter groups. Yet among the people who left the Liberals in disgust, who failed with the Action Party, who tried to revive a non-totalitarian Socialist movement are many of the best minds and the finest characters in Italy; who have made the most acute analysis of the country's burning problems and have the most ardent will to reform. Another intellectual reforming elite is to be found in the ranks of political Catholicism, — including probably the keenest students and, indeed, admirers of British post-war economic and social policies. But within the huge Christian-Democrat compound these people are balanced by a Conservative wing which attacks de Gasperi for attempting land reform, and they are almost as frustrated as the reformers outside the Catholic fold.

Socialists' Chance

The enormous interest aroused in the Italian Press by the present fusion efforts of the democratic Socialist groups is due to this situation. If the anti-Communist Socialists succeed in recapturing some of the traditional Socialist following which is now marching behind the hammer and sickle, they will, merely by presenting themselves as an alternative, also attract the votes of many who last time voted Christian-Democrat without Catholic conviction. If they fail, the only manner of expressing discontent, apart from support for the Communist bloc, will be to vote for the noisy neo-Fascist movement that so far has its main support among the large number of unemployed intellectuals and students without prospects in the South.

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MUSICAL DIARY

INDEPENDENCE Day was the keynote of three musical and dance programmes which took place in Jerusalem last Tuesday. The festive concert at the Y.M.C.A. was an event in that it featured the Kol Yisrael Orchestra expanded and vitalized by the Police Band. The combination, which was suggested in these columns some months ago, was effective from the first. N. Gribov, the conductor of the Police Band, wielded the baton in the performance of Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" overture.

The rest of the programme featured exclusively Israel works, conducted by their composers. Karel Salomon's Piano Concerto (1947) seems to have lost nothing of the quality it displayed when first played during the critical days of April, 1948. The first movement is most concentrated, the use of a Neapolitan theme giving it special charm. The melancholic last repetition of the motif is nostalgic, the orchestration striking. Frank Pelleg brilliantly read the solo part which was originally rendered by J. Gruenthal.

H. Jacobi's well-known "David Had a Violin," an engaging orchestra- piece with an unmistakable Hassidic trend, followed. (Mr. Jacobi, a viola-player, was the only member of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra to join the I.P.O. on its American tour.). The second part of the programme featured the world-premiere of Mark Lavry's Symphonic poem, "1948," the title apparently influenced by Tchaikowsky's "1812." The melodic pastorale of the beginning is contrasted with martial themes in the development. The climax is pointed by a chorale, sung by the Kol Zion Lagola choir, with Naomi Zuri as soloist. All in all, it is an effective composition.

Open Air Ballet

Rina Nikova's open-air ballet performance for children on Tuesday afternoon at the playground of the Evelina de Rothschild School in Rehavia was attended by a youthful crowd of some 4,000. It started very appetizingly with a "Vegetable Garden," danced by four-to-six year old children, followed by an enchanting "Valse des Fleurs" (from Delibes' "Naila") which included field-flowers, butterflies and bees portrayed by a group of tots led by Yardena and Danny. Besides the delicate Biblical scene, "Jacob and Rachel" (Zuria Nadav and Benny Ben-Gov), there were Bokharan and Yemenite dances and the climax, "Israel Today." Yehuda Oppenheimer was first-rate on the accordion. The open-air atmosphere and the refreshing choreography supplied welcome relief from a sweltering afternoon.

Modern Ballet

That evening, Gertrud Kraus presented her renovated "Israel Ballet Theatre" at the Edison. The opening work, "Dreamer of Beauty," a lyric dance poem set to haunting Ravel waltzes, was impressive more for its inspired ideas than by finished ballet technique. Most of the dancers could not manage their points satisfactorily and the waltz cadences were inimical to the specific ballet style of the piece. The dance drama, "The Fallen Angel Tavern," with its tough guys and dolls, was obviously influenced by the Ballet des Champs Elysees' "Les Forains," but showed fine choreography to Milhaud's tango-dominant score. Arieh Calev's Inspector was a first rate interpretation. There was never a dull moment during the first part of the programme. The most gay and taut number on the versatile bill was the dance pantomime, "Vacation," an evocation of a fancy-free mood to new music by Herbert Brun, with the composer at the piano. Anatol Gurewitch's settings and costumes were tasteful. We were less impressed by the "Israel Dance Suite" which closed the programme (music by Gorochov). The girls' arm-movements were more Hollywood-harem gyrations than authentically oriental motifs. The monotonous folk dances lack originality.

FRANGO

After a lapse of over two months, the chamber music evenings organized by the University Students Association on alternative Mondays will be resumed this week at the Y.M.C.A. The May 14 programme consists of a piano trio by Haydn, Divertimento for string trio by Mozart and the piano quartet in C Minor by Brahms, performed by Frank Pelleg, Eli Goren, Gideon Roehr and Thelma Yellin.

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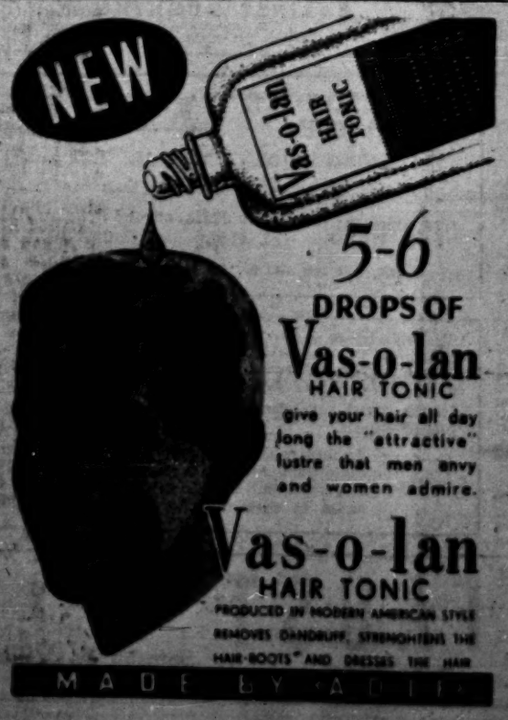

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